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Main Street Parade Memorial & Dedication Ceremony

WAUKESHA, Wis. - On Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 4:39 p.m. we will gather together as a City on the two-year anniversary of the parade tragedy to dedicate the Main Street Parade Memorial. We will honor the lives we lost, support those who are still suffering, and come together as a community.

The ceremony will include Mayor Reilly, Police Chief Daniel Thompson, Fire Chief Steven Howard and the honored speakers for the evening are Taylor Kulich, daughter of Jane Kulich, and Sherri Sparks, Mother of Tucker and Jackson Sparks. The Milwaukee Dancing Grannies will also be a part of the ceremony as well as other invited speakers.

In addition to the ceremony, Healing Hearts and The United for Waukesha Resiliency Center will be on hand for resources and support. The Resiliency Center will be handing out luminaries that everyone is invited to light on November 21 as a show of unity and support. The City will also have information regarding the Parade Memorial Fund and will be handing out blue glow bracelets, thanks to Educators Credit Union.

The Main Street Parade Memorial dedication and Remembrance ceremony will take place at the Five Points intersection in Downtown Waukesha (near 279 W Main St.). A map of the area and road closure information is available on the City website: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/residents/main-street-parade-memorial-dedication.php>

Following the Dedication ceremony, all are invited to engrave a clay tile at the Clarke Hotel in their Banquet room (314 W Main Street) as part of the Waukesha Strong Tile Project. The tiles that are created will be placed in The Parade Memorial at Grede Park. The cost of the tile is \$25 with proceeds going to the Parade Memorial Fund.

The Main Street Parade Memorial and planned Parade Memorial at Grede Park have been organized by the Waukesha Parade Memorial Commission with the goal of thoughtfully honoring the victims of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy, providing an opportunity for reflection, and representing healing as a community.

Monetary donations are still needed to help complete The Parade Memorial at Grede Park. Donations can be made online: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/residents/waukesha-parade-memorial.php>. In addition, the City is looking for additional contractors who would be willing to work on the project with in-kind donations. There are opportunities available in the areas of concrete sidewalks, stairs, retaining walls, decorative metal railings, electrical, earthwork, brick pavers, landscaping and site utilities. Any interested contractors are asked to contact Rebecca Pederson (rpederson@waukesha-wi.gov or 262-524-3906)

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